(b) if so, the amount provided by Government for production of said programmes during the current financial year;

(c) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for selection of sub jects for production by Doordarshan and Akashvani; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that during the current financial year a provision of Rs. 13.50 crores has been made by AIR and Rs. 6.20 crores by Doordarshan for production of programmes on Sanskrit literature and Indian epics, in various languages of the country.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati is a statutory autonomous corporation and enjoys autonomy in programme matters within the mandate laid down under the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990. Government has no role to play in this regard. Prasar Bharati has informed that it has formulated a set of guidelines, followed by AIR and Doordarshan, for selection of programmes/serials and production of commisssioned programmes. Selection of subjects is done on the basis of the relevance of the theme and requirements of the channel.

Expansion of DD network

1300. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of INFORTvlATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government for the expansion of Doordarshan Network in the country during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard;

(c) whether the proposal tompgrade some Doordarshan Kendras in Orissa are pending since long; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to clear those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 21 (Twenty one) studios and 459 transmitters of varying power were commissioned by Doordarshan during the IX Plan period. State-wise details are given in the statement *{See* below).

(c) and (d) Upgradation of facilities at Doordarshan Kendras is a continuous process. During the IX plan period, the following transmitters have been upgraded in Orissa;

1. Baleshwar—LPT upgraded to HPT

2. Berhampur—LPT upgraded to HPT

3. Sambalpur—LPT(DD2) upgraded to HPT

1 K W HPT (DD1) upgraded to 10 KW HPT

4. Patangarh—VLPT upgraded to LPT.

At present no Doordarshan scheme for upgradation of Kendras Is pending in Orissa.

Statement

Studios & Transmitters commissioned during IXplan period

SI. No	State	Studios	Transmitters
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	33
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		27
3.	Assam		5
4.	Bihar		8
5.	Chandigarh	1	
6.	Chhatisgarh	1	9
7.	Goa		1
8.	Gujarat	I	20
9.	Haryana		10
10.	Himachal Pradesh		19
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	I	69
12.	Jharkhand	1	8
13.	Karnataka		19
14.	Kerala	1	8
15.	Madhya Pradesh	2	19
16.	Maharashtra	3	36
17.	Manipur		3
18.	Meghalaya		2
19.	Mizoram		3
20.	Nagaland		3

SI. No	State	Studios	Transmitters
21.	Orissa	2	33
22.	Pondicherry		2
23.	Punjab		3
24.	Rajasthan		27
25.	Sikkim		2
26.	Tamil Nadu		22
27.	Tripura		5
28,	Uttar Pradesh	4	32
29.	Uttaranchal	1	19
30.	West Bengal	2	12
	TOTAL:	21	459

Proposals for commissioned programmes

1301. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for accepting the proposals for commissioned programmes by Doordarshan Centres;

(b) the number of proposals received since March, 2000 and how many were accepted;

(c) the fate of the rest of Ae proposals; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA S^VARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that the proposals for programmes under commissioned category are processed in accordance with the guidelines laid-down for the purpose. These are first evaluated by an Evaluatidn Committee which consists of senior officials of Doordarshan and outside experts from various fields. Thereafter, the short listed programmes are put up to the Costing Committee for final decision.

(b) Prasar Bharati has intimated that 2428 proposals were received during the period March 2000 to 31/3/2002 and out of these, 1023 proposals have been approved.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that proposals under commissioned shcheme are processed as per programme requirements of Doordarshan and availability